DEFENCE INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS IN RAJASTHAN

1520. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA :

SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan has been requesting to set up some defence industrial projects in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government propose to set up any defence industrial projects in Rajasthan;

(c) if so, the names of projects and the time by which these will be set up; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) In December 1988, a request was made by the Chief Minister of Rajasthan for keeping Rajasthan in mind for setting up one or two industrial projects of the Defence Ministry.

(b) There is no proposal under consideration to set up any Defence Industrial project in Rajasthan.

(c) & (D). Do not arise.

12.00 Hrs.

[*English*]

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE (Panskura) : Sir, the 50th Death Anniversary of late Vishwa Kavi Rabindra Nath Tagnre falls in this year. The great contributions of the great poet are known to all. He upheld the great traditions of the country; be that in the field of war peace, national integration and communal harmony. Be it against the exploitation of the poor; be it for holding of the equality of women in the society; be it in the field of amelioration of the lot of women; be it in expressing the best human feelings or be it in the field of depicting the great beauties of the nature.

Through you, Sir, I would like to urge upon the Ministry of Human Resource Development and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to observe this year in a befitting manner by giving wide publicity of these messages to the people of our country irrespective of their language.

[*Translation*]

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE (Lucknow) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Meghalaya is an important state of the North-East. The Meghalaya United Parliamentary party is presently ruling the State. In a Sixty Members Legislative Assembly, thirty three Members belong to United Parliamentary party. But attempts are being made to topple that Government.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA (Midanapore) : Through whom ?

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : Meghalaya.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Who is trying to topple it.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : I am coming to that .....(*Interruptions*) .....Three Members of Legislative Assembly have been kidnapped and taken to a unknown place .....(*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN (Rosera) Mr. Speaker. Sir, they have been kept in the Chamber of the Speaker of Meghalaya.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : Mr. Speaker. Sir. I am not saying this.

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir. I am saying it with full responsibility .....(*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOUDHURY (Katwa) : Sir, he has kept them not as the Speaker, but he has declared himself to be the leader of the Congress Party.

[*Translation*]

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I also possess the information that is being given now.